

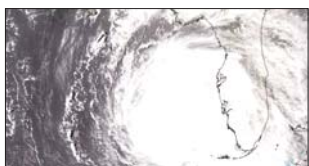
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Airmen from the 720th Operations Support Squadron Advanced Skills Training Flight, enter second day of pre-scuba training. See Page 13.



Hurricane season predicted to continue the past-decade trend of above-average hurricane seasons See Page 4.



Seven Airmen earn captain select. See Page 8.

## Clinic closure

The 16th Medical Group will close today and will reopen Monday. See Page 11.

## Travel voucher

The travel voucher filing process for today will be moved to the chapel, but will be back to normal Monday. See Page 11.

## Weekend Forecast

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 90, Low 76 – Isolated Showers	High 90, Low 76 – Isolated Showers	High 89, Low 76 – Isolated Showers



Photo by Senior Airman Maresha Haynes

Motorists line up at the shoppette gas pumps to try and get gas before it's all gone. Since Hurricane Dennis, tracking down gas has been a major problem in the panhandle and on Hurlburt Field.

# Hurricanes cause sporadic gas supply

By Airman 1st Class  
**James Dickens**  
Public Affairs

The lack of gas due to recent hurricanes caused long lines at the gas pumps in the panhandle, and it's no different on base.

Hurricanes Dennis and Emily have slowed down the means of getting gas barges.

"The waterways are completely full of debris, and the barges can't get

through them," Odette Ingham, shoppette manager, said.

That, however, isn't the only issue. The oil rigs were also shut down during both hurricanes, which hurt supply.

"The gas trucks are having to drive as far as Mobile, Ala., and even all the way to Georgia to try and get fuel," said Ms. Ingham.

The shoppette manager expects a sporadic supply for the next few weeks.

"The situation is slowly getting better, but it's going to take time," said Ms. Ingham.

The main problem is gas companies allotted a certain amount of gas a day, and it's "first come, first served," said Ms. Ingham.

So, when the pumps go dry, companies have to wait until midnight to restock, which is causing a gas outage.

Motorists are urged to be patient while the problem is solved.

# Security forces keep long gas lines moving smoothly

By Jamie Haig  
Public Affairs

The evening of July 22, the 16th Security Forces Squadron received a call that a much-needed fuel shipment was due to arrive at the base shoppette within hours. They took immediate action.

"This was a precaution-

ary measure to ensure the safety of all base personnel," said Tech. Sgt. Derek Allbrook, 16th SFS. "There was going to be a restriction on the amount of gasoline allowed, so we wanted to organize the event to avoid accidents."

In the days before arrival of Hurricane Dennis, the line of cars into

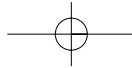
the shoppette went for blocks. Gas supplies in the local area were depleted, and the 16th SFS predicted the arrival of gasoline would cause a surge of motorists. Their objective was to manage the lines and keep traffic around the shoppette moving quickly.

"We weren't there to enforce the limits placed on

gasoline – we were there to make sure all went smoothly," said Sergeant Allbrook.

According to the 16th SFS, the intersection of Independence Road and Terry Avenue is one of the busiest intersections on base.

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## Viewpoints

Ready, set, edit

## Have no fear, Commando will go on

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

One thing you can always count on in the military is taking on responsibilities, whether you're ready for them or not.

When the editor position was passed down to me last July, I was terrified to say the least. But, nonetheless, I rose to the challenge before knowing the specifics of what was to come.

New, creative ideas swirled around in my head almost immediately, as I became excited about the new career step.

Little did I know, myself and three staff writers would produce a product that would be delivered to more than 8,000 Airmen, retirees, Guard, Reserve and civilian readers weekly.

Each week, I had to create a quality newspaper from scratch, which included developing the content, design and layout. Simultaneously, I received information from organizations wanting to be spotlighted, commanders wanting to honor troops and base-wide activities needing to be covered.

One of my goals as the editor was to produce a product that told the news in an attractive, interesting

package. So for the next year, I experimented with headline designs, photo angles and searched out new story ideas on base.

Although I faced many stresses along the way, my rush came each week as papers disappeared off the racks and positive feedback flowed in from our readers.

But now, I pass the baton to Airman 1st Class James Dickens. Because he also desires to produce a quality product for *Commando* readers, he's already developing new ideas for future issues.

So, get ready for some great changes.

## Spotlight On

## Staff Sgt. Leterence Payton

**Organization:**  
25th Information  
Operations Squadron

**Duty Title:** Silent  
Shield Systems  
Technician

**Hobbies:** Extreme  
basketball, Internet  
shopping and dodgeball

**Contribution to the mission:** Sergeant Payton performs ground maintenance on Silent Shield equipment installed on Air Force Special Operations Command aircraft, and troubleshoots and repairs installed equipment on the flightline and in the shop.

He also designs and builds carry-on systems, and integrates new or acquired systems into AFSOC airframes.

Sergeant Payton was selected by his

squadron commander as the deployed Airman responsible for all Silent Shield maintenance and logistic functions in Afghanistan – the first time in unit history.

He was charged with the accountability for \$1,125,000 of computer, communications and tactical data receiver equipment.

**(Editor's Note:** The *Commando* highlights Airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, and should receive day-to-day recognition.

Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

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## 'Country hick' takes over base paper

By Airman 1st Class  
James Dickens  
Public Affairs

Growing up in the boonies of Louisiana I never thought I'd be a journalist, much less a newspaper editor. But here I am, moving on to bigger things.

The *Commando* staff does its best to ensure the base gets its news fast and accurate, and that won't stop now.

Readers can look forward to many new and exciting changes in the paper over the next few months.

Expect to see the 16th

Security Forces Squadron blotter, courts martial and a new design.

We're also going around base talking to everyone and looking for a chance to get your story out there.

We're always looking for support. Send us your story ideas, graphics, writing or photography. We

would also like feedback on the paper. What do you like, dislike; what do you want to see in the paper; let us know, we're here to help.

E-mail any ideas or feedback to the *Commando* inbox at [commando@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:commando@hurlburt.af.mil) or call at 884-5681.

## DUI Tracker



July 21 – July 28 1 DUI

This year: 17

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Special Operations

Squadron, July 22

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...7

16th MSG...27

16th MXG...26

16th MDG...212

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of July 28.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844  
Potential saves this year: 360



# Air Force motorcycle fatality rate rising

*Motorcycle fatality rate exceeds reduction goal; Airmen, NCOs high risk groups*

**By Senior Airman Heidi Davis**  
Public Affairs

After facing 22 motorcycle-related fatalities in fiscal year 2004, the chief of staff of the Air Force challenged Air Force commanders to reduce the fatality rate by 50 percent over the next two years.

Gen. John Jumper wrote in his Chief's Sight Picture that "real change has to start with each of us individually."

"The wingman concept and mentoring are initiatives leadership has deployed in an effort to curb negative motorcycle trends by asking troops to look out for each other," Master Sgt. Aidan Martinez, 16th Special Operations Wing Safety Office.

As a whole, the Air Force has already exceeded the reduction goal for 2005 by one fatality with two months

still left in the fiscal year.

The primary factors in the Air Force's 2005 off-duty private motor-vehicle-with-two-wheels fatalities was a loss of control by the rider. Six of the 11 fatalities could've been a direct result of a lack of training and on-the-road experience.

"Besides being mandatory, motorcycle training before riding on any road surface is just good common sense," said Sergeant Martinez. "Mental preparedness is critical to survival when surrounded in a high-risk traffic environment."

The age and gender of the Airmen have also played a part in motorcycle accidents. Further research into the 2005 Air Force fatalities revealed the most at-risk group to be E-6's and below, which accounts for all of the fatalities thus far.

"Even though training is

readily available and mandatory for all military personnel, the human factor continue to play a major role to include lack of experience and training," said Sergeant Martinez.

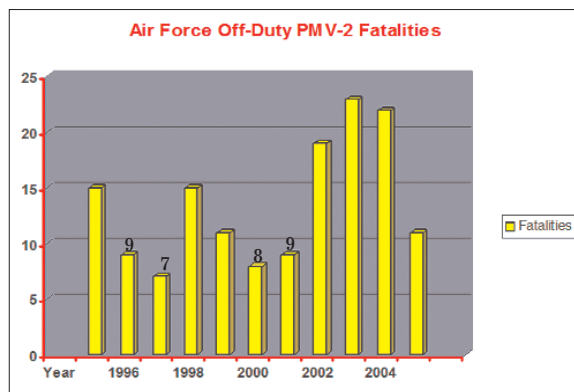
Although the question of the riders' toxic levels may have been in question at the time of the accidents, alcohol contributed to less than 30 percent of the reported accidents (four tests are still pending).

"We're taking action to raise motorcycle safety awareness and skill level," said General Jumper, "but success depends on our people embracing and then practicing safe riding habits."

**Operational requirements:**  
■ Headlights must be on  
■ Vehicle must have rear-view mirrors

**Required personal protective equipment:**

■ Properly fastened pro-



TECTIVE helmet

■ Properly worn eye-protective device

■ Sturdy footwear

■ Long-sleeved shirt or jacket

■ Long-legged trousers

■ Full-fingered gloves

■ Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an upper garment during the

day and a reflective garment during the night

**Standards of conduct:**

■ Obey the posted speed limits at all times.

■ Drive according to road and weather conditions.

■ Accomplish mandatory training.

■ Maintain proper bearing and behavior.



Photo by Senior Airman Mareshah Haynes

## Identify yourself!

An Airman, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, analyzes an unknown substance with a hazardous material identification machine. The HAZMAT ID is used on base during emergency responses to identify any solids, liquids and gels as hazardous or safe.

## Honoring 'unsung heroes': Hurlburt Field's 11

**By Jamie Haig**  
Public Affairs

The local Air Force Association chapter presented 10 military personnel and one civilian the "Unsung Heroes" award July 21 at the Soundside club.

For eight years since the award's inception, AFA Chapter 398 has acknowledged Airmen, civilians and contractors who haven't been previously recognized in other award programs, and who support the mission and do their jobs in an exceptional manner.

"This is a fantastic program," said Master Sgt. Frank Dailey, AFA member for 19 years and one of the organizers of the program. "It's awesome to see the bright future of Air Force Special Operations Command performing their jobs on a regular basis. It's really important to recognize their efforts."

With 22 winners annually, the award is distributed in July to the wing and host units, and January to the tenant and headquarters units. To date, 135 awards have been distributed.

"I was surprised," said Airman 1st Class Christopher Hardee, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "I didn't think I deserved it, but I guess that's why they put me in for it. But I owe thanks to the rest of the combat convoy Airmen for the sacrifices they made."

Presenting the awards at this meeting were Chief Master Sergeant Todd Small, 16th Special Operations Wing command chief and Jim Connors, Hurlburt Field AFA chapter president.

Chief Small told a story about how years ago, he recognized an Airman for his hard work. He met

up with this Airman five years later at the Pentagon and was told this award made an impact on the Airman's decision to stay in the Air Force.

"I believe this is the only award program that allows military, civilians and contractors to be nominated for a job well done," said Sergeant Dailey. "Other AFA chapters are starting their own 'Unsung Heroes' programs as a result of this effort."

**Congratulations to Hurlburt Field's 'Unsung Heroes':**

**Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Wright**, 16th Security Forces Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Cassandra Washburn**, 16th Operations Support Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Guy Harrison**, 16th Special Operations Squadron

**Staff Sgt. Francis Yatco**, 16th OSS

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Wright**, 16th Maintenance Group

**Staff Sgt. Michael Rinck**, 16th Maintenance Squadron

**Senior Airman Corey Hughes**, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron

**Senior Airman Ryan Reece**, 16th Communications Squadron

**Airman 1st Class Christopher Hardee**, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Airman 1st Class Matthew Lucas**, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron

**Paula Hull**, 16th Contracting Squadron

"We ask that you take a look at folks that are there for the mission every time but don't fit into the slots for the standard awards program," said Sergeant Dailey.

# Forecasters predict stormy summer

**By Airman 1st Class James Dickens**  
Public Affairs

The evacuation for Hurricane Dennis went well, due to the expertise of our weather forecasters and the teamwork of Hurlburt Field. But, always be prepared for the worst.

"Our job is to interpret what the National Hurricane Center is forecasting," William Andrus, weather forecaster for the 16th Operations Support Squadron, Weather Flight, said.

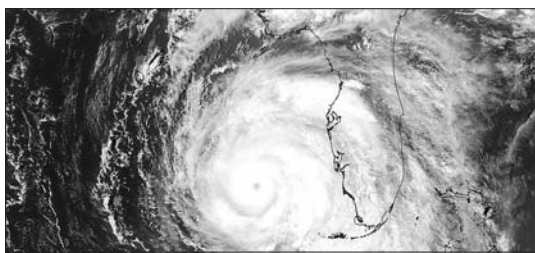
"We brief the survival recovery center and battle -

staff on the worst case scenario so the commander can make the call," he said.

The weather flight is doing their best to ensure the base receives ample notice of hurricanes in order to evacuate in time.

In order to do so, the squadron calls on the reliable predictions of Dr. William Gray, professor of atmospheric science, who has been studying hurricanes more than 30 years.

"We foresee a well above-average hurricane season for the Atlantic basin in 2005. Also, an above-average probability of U.S. major hurricane



**NASA satellite imagery shows Hurricane Dennis as it approaches the Emerald Coast.**

landfall is anticipated," Dr. Gray said. "Information obtained through late May 2005 indicates that the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season will be a very active one. We estimate that 2005 will have about 15 named

storms (average is 9.6), eight hurricanes (average is 5.9), four intense (Category 3-4-5) hurricanes (average is 2.3). We expect this year to continue the past-decade trend of above-average hurricane seasons."

## Drawing clear lines between service medal wear

**By Senior Airman Mareshah Haynes**  
Public Affairs

The Air Force authorized wear of Afghanistan Campaign and Iraqi Campaign medals in June.

Awards and decorations is not issuing the ICM or ACM at this time because it's awaiting further Air Force-level guidance, said Bob Hill, 16th Mission Support Squadron records, awards and decorations office.

"Once awards and decorations receives the guidance, it will be passed onto the orderly rooms to noti-

fy the squadrons," said Mr. Hill.

These medals will replace the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for most Airmen.

There is no way to track it as of yet, but approximately 1,000 people will be affected by the change, Mr. Hill said.

Airmen who deployed and spent time in Afghanistan and Iraqi are only authorized one medal per deployment. For example, if an Airman deployed to Iraqi on an Air Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and forward deployed to Afghanistan, he would only qualify for the ICM.

The same standard applies if Airmen spent time in other GWOT-E approved areas.

As of May 1, if deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, Airmen won't earn the GWOT-E - only the ICM or ACM. The GWOT-E will be earned for deploying to other specified countries.

Personnel officials will convert the GWOT-E medal to either the ICM or ACM for eligible Airmen. If Airmen would rather have the GWOT-E medal, they will have to go to their local military personnel flight to request the medal reinstated.

For more information, visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/).

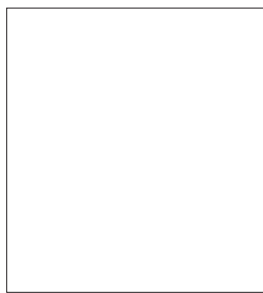
## 4th SOS pilot claims USAFWS outstanding grad honors

**By Lt. Col. Mike Thurber**  
14th WPS

A 4th Special Operations Squadron instructor pilot earned the prestigious honor of being named one of 13 outstanding graduates of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School's Class 05A.

Gen. John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the Air Force's senior weapons officer, presented Capt. Grant Sharpe with a trophy at the weapons school's graduation ceremony in Las Vegas, Nev. recently.

"Grant did an absolutely outstanding job," said Lt. Col. Mark Hicks, outgoing 14th WPS commander. "He was a consistently strong performer throughout the



course, and at ME (the weapons school graduation exercise). He did something no other Special Operations Forces grad has ever done: he led the planning cell for the SOF mission.

"It was a tremendous opportunity...and a tremendous risk," Colonel Hicks said. "Normally, the ME mission planning cells

are run by fighter pilots - guys who've been doing this kind of thing their entire careers. It's been one of our goals for a long time to have one of our own do it, to prove we can hold our own and that we've earned our rightful place at the weapons school table. Grant did that in spades. We've come a long way in just five short years."

SOF graduates are a relatively recent addition to an institution that's been training the best combat flying instructors in the world for more than 50 years.

As America began mothballing its post World War II military, a handful of veteran pilots saw the need to capture the hard-won lessons of aerial combat and pass that knowledge on to a

new generation.

That idea led to the creation of the U.S. Air Force Fighter Gunnery School in 1949. Over the years, the school has trained fliers in just about every aircraft in the Air Force inventory, beginning with the F-51 right on up to the B-2 and F-117. F-22 and F-35 courses are already in the planning stages.

Once a "fighter-pilot-only" operation, the Air Force reorganization that created consolidated Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command into Air Combat Command opened the door for non-fighter aircrews.

Today the weapons school is composed of 14 squadrons with more than 400 personnel.

## Brothers in Arms

### Simulators train Soldiers

The Army has fielded 125 simulators for training in the detection of improvised explosive devices and to teach other advanced skills needed to protect convoys in Iraq and Afghanistan. Approximately 600 more simulators are slated for production, and these will incorporate feedback from Soldiers. There are 200,000 to 250,000 troops participating in the training on the current batch of simulators, located worldwide. ([www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil))

### Web site connects Soldiers with families

The Army Reserve launched a new Web site to connect deployed Soldiers with their loved ones and deliver family support services.

The Army Reserve Family Programs portal at [www.arfp.org](http://www.arfp.org) is linked by drop-down menus at [www.MyArmyLifeToo.com](http://www.MyArmyLifeToo.com), an official Web site for family members. The combined information and links are the most comprehensive resources ever assembled by the Army for families. ([www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil))

### Navy offers Marines dental assistance

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** - More than 30 sailors with 2nd Dental Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group, completed a field exercise conducted here July 11-27. The sailors used the field as an office to conduct actual dental work on Marines to help familiarize the dental technicians with the equipment they will be using in Iraq when they deploy for Operation Iraqi Freedom III, according to Navy Capt. Andrew Peters, dental detachment commanding officer with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd FSSG. ([www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil))

### Marines maintain safety for aircraft

**AL TAQADDUM, Iraq** - From sun up to sun down and throughout the night, the expeditionary airfield Marines of Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 spend their days repairing and making improvements to the airfield here.

The expeditionary airfield division is made up of Marines who perform a myriad of tasks that range from painting and marking the airstrips to maintaining the lighting systems in the harsh Iraqi environment.

Not only does their effort ensure safe arrival and departure of Marine and coalition aircraft here, but they have traveled throughout the Al Anbar building and renovating landing zones in order to facilitate operations through the western region of Iraq. ([www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil))

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So, they devised a plan that allowed entry to the shoppette from Terry Avenue only, creating the most effective access to the pumps and the quickest route onto Independence Road.

"The (16th) Security Forces have been wonderful," said Odette Ingham, shoppette manager.

"After a hurricane, we never know if the power will be out and for how long," said Sergeant Allbrook. "Patience is the key."



## Predictability added to deployed travel

**By Tech. Sgt. LaVoie**  
506th AEG Public Affairs

**KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq** – Most deployed Airmen know how far along they are in their rotation and when they expect to return home.

Until recently, that date was mostly speculation, but, thanks to aggregation, Airmen will know exactly when their replacement is coming and when they'll leave.

U.S. Central Command Air Forces officials have implemented this new program providing visibility on when incoming Airmen are supposed to arrive and, therefore, when departing Airmen should leave. Because these dates are set well in advance, there's no more guessing as to when a replacement should arrive or if they're on a certain plane. This program isn't completely new. It was used to schedule Airmen

arriving in theater during the past few rotations.

"They did such a great job of getting people over here during the last (air and space expeditionary force,) they're taking it one step further," said Col. Scott Mason, 506th Air Expeditionary Group commander here. "This adds predictability for Airmen so they can let families and loved ones back in the United States know when they're getting home."

Once the time phase force deployment data sheet is confirmed and unit deployment managers start giving Airmen the dates they're going home, those dates are unlikely to change.

"We don't want Airmen making life-altering decisions based on the dates, but short of an aircraft breaking, they'll move out of here in a two-day window and then leave the hub within two days," said Tech. Sgt. Lois Harm, 506th

Expeditionary Logistics Squadron. "There will be a seat out of here, and out of the hub, with (their) name on it."

This means Airmen should return home within five days from the date they're given by their unit deployment managers.

"What's great about this plan is the wait time (at the hub) will be measured in hours – not days," Colonel Mason said.

CENTAF's first full aggregation plan will also prevent hundreds of Airmen from landing at Baltimore/Washington International Airport at the same time, all looking for a commercial seat. The plan will allow Airmen to fly back to their original point in a chartered aircraft.

Airmen will also know further out when their replacements will arrive. This will allow more time for out processing and better turnover.

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## Look who's new in pink, blue

### Girls

#### **Shaelynn Ione Nash**

was born June 7 to Senior Airman Richard and Jody Nash, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron.

#### **Kaitlyn Elizabeth Gunn**

was born June 9 to Capt. Richard and Tasha Gunn, 8th Special Operations Squadron.

#### **Chya Nevaeh Vandross**

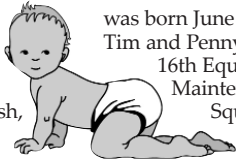
was born June 13 to Senior Airmen Duane Vandross and Benitra Colvin, 16th Special Operations Wing.

**Maia Leanne Martin** was born June 13 to Capt. James and Kim Martin, 4th SOS.

**Jamie Lynn Reed** was born June 13 to Senior Airmen Jon Reed, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Tiffany Reed, 16th Medical Operations Squadron.

**Natalie Ann Whitson** was born June 18 to Staff Sgt. Russel and Dawn Whitson, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

**Abigail Kathleen Loncher**



was born June 23 to Tech. Sgt. Tim and Penny Loncher, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

#### **Kimber**

**Jade Lee** was born June 25 to Staff Sgt. Robert and Jennifer Lee, 16th AMXS. Boys

**Luke Ronald Fuller** was born June 15 to Maj. Brian and Kristin Fuller, Joint Special Operations University.

**Benjamin Antonio Diaz** was born June 16 to Master Sgt. Jose and Melanie Diaz, 16th EMS.

**Kaleb Lee Baker** was born June 18 to 1st Lt. Jacoby and Heather Baker, 16th SOS.

**Charles Evan Dewey** was born June 21 to Capt. John and Isabel Dewey, 823rd RHS.

**Kenneth MacClary Cook** was born June 24 to Tech. Sgt. David and Brantley Cook, 6th SOS.

## Special OPERATORS

*Congratulations to the following captains select:*

### **16th Special Operations**

#### **Wing**

Glen Miller

### **9th Special Operations**

#### **Squadron**

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### **505th Exercise Control**

#### **Squadron**

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## Week in History

*The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:*

**July 24, 1917** – First large appropriation, \$640,000, was authorized for the Aviation Section.

**July 25, 1953** – The B-36's capability to launch and recover an F-84 aircraft in flight was announced.

**July 26, 1947** – President Harry Truman signed the Armed Forces Unification Act onboard the Presidential VC-54 "Sacred Cow" creating the Air Force in 1947.

### **July 27, 1909**

– A two-man flight endurance record of 1 hour, 12 minutes, 40 seconds was set by Orville Wright and Lt. Frank

Lahm flying the 1909 Military Flyer.

**July 28, 1934** – An altitude of 60,613 feet was attained by the Explorer I balloon.

**July 29, 1912** – Messages were received at a distance of 10 miles during airplane radio-telegraph tests.

**July 30, 1909** – The second test of the Army's Wright Military Flyer completed a ten-mile flight.

**July 31, 1957** – The Distant Early Warning Line reported to be fully operational in 1957



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# In rain, fog or lightning . . .

## METNAV helps pilots straighten up and fly right

Story and photos by Senior Airman  
Mareshah Haynes  
Public Affairs

Have you ever wondered how planes can land at night and in bad weather? How does the base find out there's lightning within five miles?

The answer is the Airmen of the 16th Communications Squadron Meteorological and Navigational Aids flight, and the equipment they maintain.

METNAV maintains weather equipment that sends vital information to the base weather station and navigational equipment that helps planes land and take off.

METNAV is taking on an even broader mission in October, as they merge with ground radio maintenance.

Ground radio maintenance maintains air traffic control, operations groups and weather radio frequencies and equipment.

"There are more than 10 separate frequencies that ground radio maintains," said Senior Airman Sergio Broglio, ground radio maintainer.

"There are different frequencies that are used in the air, on the ground and for emergencies," said Airman Broglio.

"Two of the most important pieces of equipment we maintain are the instrument

and landing system and the tactical air navigation system," said Tech. Sgt. Marc Robson, assistant NCO in charge of METNAV.

"The ILS has a component called the localizer that tells pilots if they are on the centerline of the runway. The localizer uses two different frequencies for the left and right sides of the runway," said Robson.

If the pilot is steering toward one side, the frequency assigned to that side will be stronger, and the pilot will know he needs to correct his path, Sergeant Robson said.

The TACAN sends a signal to the planes, up to 200 miles out, letting them know where Hurlburt Field is, then they use that information to navigate, said Robson.

The METNAV shop maintains weather equipment that measures wind speed, wind direction, humidity, rain, cloud height and even lightning strikes between clouds.

Sergeant Robson, a former Marine, said this job has shown him the other side of mission support.

"As a Marine, I was used to having everyone support my mission, but now I see how important mission support is," he said.

Members outside of the mission support group also recognize how vital METNAV is.

"In inclement weather and low visibility, it's what gets us on the ground," said Capt. Douglas Brown, 16th Special Operations Squadron pilot.

"METNAV is important because we help keep planes in the air and landing safely," said Airman 1st Class Robert Payne, METNAV technician.



An Airman who is a METNAV maintainer, connects test equipment to weather monitoring equipment in the base weather station.



A sergeant, 16th Communications Squadron, assistant NCO in charge of METNAV, climbs an antenna tower to perform routine maintenance on a glide slope antenna.

## Hurlburt Happenings

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# Military

## Change of command

All base personnel are invited to attend a change-of-command ceremony 9 a.m. today outside the Soundside club, where Lt. Col. John Shattuck will relinquish command of the Air Force Combat Weather Center to Lt. Col. Jay DesJardins. Uniform of the day is battle dress uniform.

## DCC schedule

Today, all hurricane voucher processing (as well as legal claim services) will move to the main chapel annex. The schedule and times will remain the same, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the new location.

Make-up times will be 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Aug. 1 and Aug. 2 at the Deployment Control Center.

## Cultural studies

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will conduct a Sub-Saharan Africa Orientation Course Aug. 8-12. This course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the Sub-Saharan African region, personnel who work with individuals from this region, those with a professional or analytical interest in the Sub-Saharan African area.

Also, the USAFSOS will conduct a Cross Cultural Communications Course Aug. 15-19. This course is designed for people preparing to live or deploy overseas, who work with international military members, and people with a professional or analytical interest in international studies.

For more information on either of the courses, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or visit [www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunit/jsou](http://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunit/jsou).

## Officer training corps

The next boards for the Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program, Scholarship for Outstanding Airman to ROTC and Professional Officer Course are scheduled for Oct. 15.

For more information and applications visit [www.foats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/Default.htm](http://www.foats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/Default.htm) or call the education office at 884-6724 for more information.

## Faith in the Foxhole

All personnel are invited to attend the Faith in the Foxhole prayer luncheon noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the base chapel. Lt. Col. Juan Alvarez, 6th Special Operations Squadron commander, will be the guest speaker.

Free lunch is provided for those who attend.

## Munch & Mend

The Hurlburt Chapel presents Munch & Mend 5-7 p.m. Aug. 8. Come enjoy a free dinner and have minor repairs done on one article of clean clothing or have patches, stripes or name tags sewn on. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 315-4746.

# Community

## Clinic closures

The 16th Medical Group will be closed today will reopen Monday. The 96th Medical Group emergency room at Eglin Air Force Base will treat emergencies. Also, 16th MDG will close at 11:30 a.m., every third Wednesday of the month for training.

## Military thank you

The Operation Military Thank You Cookout has been rescheduled. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Niceville-Valparaiso-Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 1055 East John Sims Parkway. The Military Affairs Committee would like to show their appreciation to the men and women who serve our country.

## Free storage

The U-Haul Moving Center is offering one month free storage for individuals who suffered home damage because of Hurricane Dennis. For more information, call Jason at 863-2133.

## Road construction

Road construction on Independence Road, from Tully Street to Lielmanis Avenue, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., will continue through Aug. 5. Expect one lane of traffic to be closed. The contractor will have traffic controls in place at these locations as work progresses.

Construction on Tully Street, from AMMO Gate to Simpson Avenue, began Monday. Work hours will be from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. One lane of traffic will be closed during periods of construction.

The contractor will have traffic controls in place during work hours. Work includes milling asphalt, replacing asphalt and adding curbs. Emergency vehicles will have precedence when necessary. Your cooperation and patience are appreciated during these construction periods. For more information, call 884-7524.

## AADD meeting

Hurlburt Field's Airmen Against Drunk Driving holds monthly meetings at 11 a.m. the last Friday of each month at the military equal opportunity conference room. Squadron representatives are invited as well as any-

one who has an interest in saving lives and keeping our comrades and community safe.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Mayra Casanova at 884-4438.

## Trespassing notice

The 16th Security Forces Squadron reminds people not to trespass onto the firing ranges and impact areas located off RED HORSE Road. Trespassing could be dangerous. People must have clearance to enter the impact area. For more information, call 884-7520/7205.

# Volunteer

## Toastmasters meeting

Anyone interested in joining the Hurlburt Toastmasters club can attend a regular meeting held noon to 1 p.m., Wednesdays in Classroom J at the Hurlburt Education Center, Building 90220.

For more information, call Mike Nishimura at 884-7679 or visit <http://hurlburt.freetoasthost.org>.

## FSC opportunities

The family support center has many volunteer opportunities available through its volunteer resource program office. Some opportunities include the Loan Closet, Airman's Attic and Meals on Wheels. For more information, call 884-1533.

## Chapel help

The Hurlburt Field Chapel is looking for volunteers to help answer phones for three hours per week on days when the receptionist is on leave. For more information, call Senior Airman John McIntosh or Andy Ramos at 884-7795.

The chapel is looking for points of contact for Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Orthodox and Latter Day Saints faiths. Those interested in helping ensure these faiths are represented at Hurlburt Field should call Master Sgt. Salvador Manalang at 884-7795.

# Classes

## ERAU registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will register students for the Fall 2005 Term from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays through Aug. 5 in Building 90220. Add/drop dates are Aug. 8-12. The fall term runs from Aug. 8 to Oct. 8. To view an online schedule, visit [www.erau.edu/fortwalton-beach](http://www.erau.edu/fortwalton-beach). For more information, call 581-2106.

# At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

## Hurlburt Field - 884-7648

**Friday** – (PG-13) *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* – John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret – they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross-hairs.

**Saturday** – (PG) *The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl* – 10-year-old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world in an attempt to escape the everyday worries of dealing with parents, school bullies and no-fun summer vacations. But when Max realizes the characters and adventures in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes, his whole world changes. Now, Max is blasting off on a mission to Planet Dool where his superhero friends Sharkboy and Lavagirl live, and where the evil Mr. Electric threatens to do away with all dreams forever.

**Sunday** – (PG-13) *The Honeymooners* – New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice, struggle to make ends meet. Despite Ralph's many get-rich-quick schemes/motivational speaker tape series, they've managed to save some money and, along with their best friends Ed and Trixie, they seem to have almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex. However, when Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by making up what he's lost and augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes, he winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot – and it takes all his determination and love for Alice to get things on track again.

## Eglin - 882-1066

**Friday** – (PG-13) *Batman Begins* – The origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice and turn fear against those who prey on the fearful. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength, intellect and an array of high tech deceptions to fight the sinister forces that threaten the city.

**Saturday** – (R) *Land of the Dead* – In a modern-day world where the walking dead roam, the living try to lead "normal" lives behind the walls of a fortified city. Outside the city walls, an army of the dead is evolving. Inside, anarchy is on the rise. With the very survival of the city at stake, a group of hardened mercenaries is called into action to protect the living from an army of the dead.

**Sunday** – (PG) *The Perfect Man* – Holly conceives the perfect plan for the perfect man--an imaginary secret admirer who will romance her mother Jean and boost her shaky self-esteem. When the virtual relationship takes off, Holly finds herself having to produce the suitor, borrowing her friend's charming and handsome Uncle Ben as the face behind the e-mails, notes and gifts. Holly must resort to increasingly desperate measures to keep the rose alive. (Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

# Base chapel



**Catholic Mass**  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.  
**Youth:** 5 p.m. Sunday  
**Religious Education:** September–May  
**Protestant Services**

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (praise and worship)  
11:30 a.m. (traditional)  
12:45 p.m. (Gospel)  
**Religious Education:** August – May  
Youth and Singles groups available  
**Jewish Services** (882-2111)  
**Sabbath services:** Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center  
**Muslim Services** (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center  
**Jumuah:** Friday, 12:45 p.m.  
For more information, call 884-7795



**Airman Against Drunk Driving**  
For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844.  
**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

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## CCAF graduation

The deadline to apply for the fall Community College of the Air Force graduation is Aug. 26. To graduate this fall, Airman must request their transcripts and have the college send them to:

**CCAF/DFRS**  
130 West Maxwell Blvd.  
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6613

To ensure requirements are met for graduation, people should stop by the

Hurlburt Field Education Services Office, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, or call 884-6724.

## UA classes

The University of Arkansas located at Hurlburt Field offers a Master of Science with a major in Operations Management. With only 10 courses required (30 semester hours), it's possible to complete degree requirements in one year.

Term One registration begins Aug. 1, and classes begin Aug. 17. Begin classes in January, March, May, August or October. For more information, call Sherry DelCastillo at 884-3844 or e-mail uafgrad3@uofa. gccox-mail.com.

## HAWC classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

**Running Shoe Clinic** – 1 p.m., Monday  
**Prenatal Nutrition** –

8:30 a.m., Tuesday  
**Prenatal Fitness** – 9:30 a.m., Tuesday  
**Fitness Improvement Program** – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday  
**Body Composition Improvement Program** – 2 p.m., Tuesday  
**Fitness 101** – 1 p.m., Tuesday  
**Total Fitness Enhancement** – 10 a.m., Wednesday  
**Adaptive Physical Training** – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday. 30 minute slots.

**Healthy Heart** – 8:30 a.m., Thursday  
**Diabetes Fitness** – 1 p.m., Thursday  
**Diabetes Nutrition** – 1:30 p.m., Thursday

## FSC classes

The following classes are available at the family support center:

**Mapping Your Career** – 1 p.m., Monday  
**Pre-Tap** – 8 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday  
**Moms, Pops & Tots** – 10 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday

# Commando Pride:

Guidelines regarding administrative counselings, admonitions and reprimands according to Air Force Instruction 36-2907

## 3.1. Who can use counselings, admonitions and reprimands.

Commanders, supervisors and other persons in authority can issue administrative counselings, admonitions and reprimands. These actions are intended to improve, correct and instruct subordinates who depart from standards of performance, conduct, bearing and integrity, on or off duty, and whose actions degrade the individual and unit's mission. Written administrative counselings, admonitions and reprimands are subject to the rules of access, protection and

disclosure outlined in the Privacy Act of 1974, system of records.

The same rules apply to copies kept by supervisors and commanders and those filed in an individual's unfavorable information file or the unit's personnel information file. Raters must consider making comments on performance reports when the ratee receives any of these adverse actions.

**3.1.1.** Commanders, supervisors and other persons in authority can issue administrative counselings, admonitions and reprimands (see

Paragraph 3.1.) To Reservists who commit an offense while in civilian status.

## 3.2. Counseling individuals.

Counseling helps people use good judgment, assume responsibility, and face and solve their problems. Counselors help subordinates develop skills, attitudes and behaviors that are consistent with maintaining the air force's readiness:

**3.2.1.** First-line supervisors, first sergeants and commanders routinely counsel individuals verbally or in writing, giving advice and reassuring subordinates about specific situations.

**3.2.2.** AF Form 174, record of individual counseling, records the counseling session. It provides a record of positive or negative counseling and

is useful for performance evaluations. Document counseling sessions on bond paper or letterhead if you do not have an AF Form 174. This constitutes a letter of counseling.

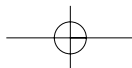
**3.3. LOAs.** An admonishment is more severe than a LOC/RIC. Use it to document an infraction serious enough to warrant the LOA. Don't use it when a reprimand is more appropriate. For officer personnel, if the LOA is not filed in the UIF, is must be filed in the individual's PIF.

**3.4. LORs.** A reprimand is more severe than a counseling or admonition and indicates a stronger degree of official censure. Commanders may elect to file a LOR in a UIF for enlisted personnel. LORs are mandatory for file in the UIF for officer personnel.

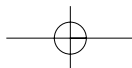
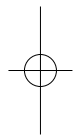
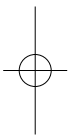
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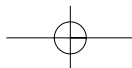
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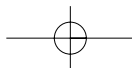
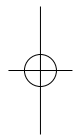
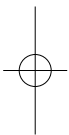


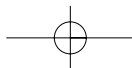
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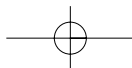
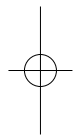
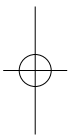
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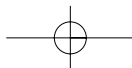
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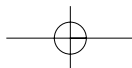
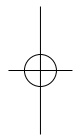
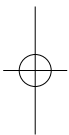






Photo by Senior Airman Mareshah Haynes

## Scuba training

Airmen from the 720th Operations Support Squadron Advanced Skills Training Flight perform flutter kicks Wednesday at the base pool as part of their pre-scuba training.

# Athletics goes beyond organized sports

Story and photos by  
Senior Airman Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

When most people think of an athlete, they may picture their favorite pro-sports player in their mind, a crowded stadium of people watching a pitcher throw the last strike or their favorite sports team winning the championship.

But, athletics goes beyond organized sports.

From early morning hours to late in the afternoon, base personnel are hitting the track, diving into the pool or pounding weights in the fitness center weight rooms.

Whether they run 1.5 miles or play "Ultimate Frisbee," the base is filled with athletes of all shapes and sizes working toward the same goal – to be fit physically and mentally in order to meet the Special Operations mission head on.

Gen. John Jumper, chief of staff of the Air Force, emphasized the need for an effect physical training program last year. Since, organizations all over base gather three days a week to encourage and support each other in their physical training.

These are the athletes at Hurlburt Field. They may never join a sports team or run in a marathon, but they're constantly in competition – not to win a trophy or first place in a race, but to be better than they were the day before.



Airmen work out Wednesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center to start their day off.



Airmen do an early morning dumbbell workout Wednesday at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

## In the bleachers

### Roller hockey

Teams are playing roller hockey every Thursday and Sunday at 6 p.m. at the main rink next to tennis courts. They are looking for more participation to get an intramural league started. For more information, call John Hauser at 884-0440.

### Tennis club

The Hurlburt Field Tennis Club meets 5 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the tennis courts beside the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School. The tennis club is an informal group of people interested in playing tennis and requires one can of new tennis balls to join. The play will consist of eight game pro sets with no add scoring. All players will move up or down and switch partners. The club is open to all Hurlburt Field personnel. For more information, e-mail Vicki Helton at vicki.helton@hurlburt.af.mil.

### Coaches needed

Youth sports is seeking volunteers interested in coaching youth soccer and flag football. Openings are available for all age groups (5-13 for soccer, 6-14 for flag football). Stop by the youth center for a packet or for more information, call 884-6355.

### Upcoming sports

Intramural horseshoes is now forming squadron teams to begin the season in September. Contact your squadron sports representative to sign up. Intramural flag football will be forming teams soon with a late September tentative start date.

For more information about sporting activities, call Jim Harriot at 884-6949.

### Cheerleading registration

Cheerleading registration runs through Monday (ages 6 and up) to support the flag football and basketball teams. Cost is \$20 per person. Participants will receive a T-shirt, certificate and memento (uniform not included). A parents' meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Aug. 17, at the base theater. For more information, call 884-6355.

### Youth sports registration

Soccer and flag football registration will be held through Monday. Practice begins Aug. 22. Games will be played Sept. 17 through Nov. 29. Cost is \$45 per player or \$90 for two or more players in the same family. Soccer players must be ages 5-14 as of Aug. 31. Soccer evaluations will be conducted Aug. 9 at the large soccer field by age groups: ages 8-9 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 10-11 at 6 p.m.; ages 12-14 at 6:30 p.m.

Flag football players must be ages 7-15 as of Aug. 31. Games will be played at the Fort Walton Beach YMCA. Flag football evaluations will be conducted Aug. 15 on Field 4 at the Community Park by age groups: ages 7-8 at 5:30 p.m.; ages 9-10 at 6 p.m.; ages 11-15 at 6:15 p.m. All youth participating in the youth sports program must have an annual physical examination, and provide a copy of their birth certificate or military identification card. For more information, call 884-6355.

### Rugby season

The Okaloosa Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of experience for the spring and summer seasons. For more information, call J.C. at 882-1858 or e-mail john.colletta@eglin.af.mil.

### Basketball coach needed

The Aderholt Fitness Center is now accepting resumes for men's varsity basketball coach. Resumes should include all previous coaching experience and results and will be accepted through today.

### Volleyball season

The Intramural volleyball regular season has been canceled due to the amount of forfeits. The volleyball playoffs will still be played started Monday. Come to the Aderholt Fitness Center and support your team. For more information, call 884-6884.

### Fitness classes

The Riptide and Aderholt Fitness Centers host many classes to fit your fitness goals; they include: Body Sculpt, Yoga, Step, Spinning (cycle), Cardio Sculpt, and Pilates. Call the Riptide Fitness Center at 881-5121 or the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884 for the time, day and location of your class.

## Volleyball playoffs

The Intramural Volleyball playoffs will begin Monday with a match between HMXS/AMXS and CES at 5:30 p.m. at the Aderholt Fitness Center gymnasium. There will also be a match at 6:30 p.m. with LRS versus SVS; at 7:30 p.m., MDG will challenge SFS; RHS will go head-to-head with CMS at 8:30 p.m. The next round of playoffs will be at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and the final game will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.